

Amendment to Specification

In the specification, on page 1, after the title, insert the following paragraph:

This application is a divisional application of prior application, USSN 09/868,303, filed July 30, 2001, issued as U.S. Pat. No. 6,723,094, which was a national stage application of PCT/EP99/10079, filed December 17, 1999 which in turn claims priority to German patent application 198 58 599.3, filed December 18, 1998.

In the specification, on page 18, after line 4 and before line 5, add the following paragraph:

FIG. 7b is a view in longitudinal section through of an alternate form of the seventh embodiment of the bipolar electrode arrangement.

In the specification, on page 23, after line 9 and before line 10, add the following paragraph:

FIG. 7b shows an alternate form of the embodiment of a bipolar electrode arrangement 1 according to the invention in longitudinal section in which strip-shaped electrodes 2, 4 are disposed on the carrier 70 along spaced helical lines. In use a correspondingly helical zone of the tissue is treated and coagulated. In the event of an additional axial movement of the electrode arrangement 1, a circular coagulated enclosing passage is then formed around the carrier 70.